GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PROJECT FOR PROTECTION OF BIRDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are implementing any project for the protection of birds;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) the date on which the said project was commenced along with the name of agency implementing it;

(d) the funds provided for the project so far;

(e) the progress made so far in regard to achievements of the objectives;

(f) whether a review of its functioning has been conducted recently; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f)&(g) Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 provides a legal frame work for protection andconservation of all species of wild animals. According to the Act, hunting of all birds included in the Schedules of the Act is prohibited. The State Governments are empowered to declare the crucial habitat of various species, animals and birds as national parks and sanctuaries. The Central Government provides financial assistance to the State Government to manage a national parks and sanctuaries on scientific basis under the scheme for development of national parks and sanctuaries. The funds released under the scheme during the VII, VIII & first four years of IX plan are as follows :-

VII Plan 18.91 1990-91 7.74 1991-92 9.16
VIII Plan 49.50
IX Plan (Ist four years) 59.25 The review of the scheme is also carried out periodically.

Government of India has also awarded following research studies to Bombay NaturalHistory Society, Mumbai for suggesting measures for conservation of certain bird species:-

S.No	Title of the Study	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Released
1.	Environmental Education in the Thar Desert for saving the Great Indian Bustard and Desert Wildlife	Rs. 2.75 lakh	Rs. 1.50 lakh
2.	Distribution of Vultures in India included current population status.	Rs. 2.21 lakh	Rs. 0.66 lakh
3.	Ecological status of Forest Spotted Owlet in India.	Rs. 9.15 lakh	Rs. 1.83 lakh
	Total:	Rs.14.11 lakh	Rs. 3.99 lakh